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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 14, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Compassionate God, there have been many voices lifted this week—voices filled with concern, tentative in hope, tinged with anger, and strong in belief.

Holy God, we call on You this day to help us in the orchestration of our disparate refrains.

Lead us to appreciate the importance of each perspective—each lawmaker who represents fervently the interests of their districts, each side of the aisle which speaks to their concerns, and each individual who yearns to be heard and understood.

As only You can, God, redeem our competing efforts to achieve our common purpose. Correct our inclination to talk at each other, and aid us in finding ways to engage with each

other, that we would find a means to bring our dissonant efforts into some sense of accord.

May unity be found in our respective desires.

May love come forth even in our disagreements, and may a joyful noise emerge from our differences and harmony arise from the diversity of voices, so that the words spoken here would glorify and praise You and serve this Nation faithfully.

It is in the oneness of Your name we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### JACINTO CITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to wish Jacinto City and community in my district a happy 75th anniversary. Jacinto City is a beloved community in our district full of hard-working Americans who contribute to our economy and work every day to build a country we love.

In the 1940s the city became the meeting point for immigrant families who worked in shipyards, nearby steel mills, and war plants. These workers were here seeking the American Dream, a dream that became a reality thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit of its immigrant community.

This is inspiring, and it reminds us now more than ever that our workers play a vital role in empowering and transforming our country.

Today, Jacinto City is a beacon of hope for the State's great economy and for our Nation. Its diverse community is led by a Latina mayor, Ana Diaz. It is an example of our country's social fabric and how our immigrants make us a stronger and more vibrant country.

I couldn't be prouder to represent this great community, and I am thankful to the families for their hard work and their contributions to our country.

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Happy anniversary, Jacinto City.  
Feliz aniversario.

#### JUSTICE FOR OFFICER ERIC WILLIAMS

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, in 2013, Eric Williams was working as a correctional officer at USP Canaan when he was savagely murdered by an inmate who was already serving a life sentence. A jury later found the inmate guilty of Eric's murder, but because 1 out of 12 jurors voted against the death penalty, he faced no additional penalty for this crime. Such an outcome is unacceptable in our legal system. Officer Williams' tragic killing reveals a glaring injustice for victims of violent crime.

That is why I reintroduced Eric's Law this week, which would permit prosecutors to impanel a second jury for sentencing in a death penalty case when the first jury fails to deliver a unanimous verdict.

Officer Williams died protecting our community, and we owe it to him and others like him to punish the violent criminals who commit these acts. Though we will never be able to rid our society of heinous crimes or acts of violence, this bill is a step in the right direction to ensure victims and their families have every opportunity to pursue the justice they deserve.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE JOBS

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, 22 million Americans lost their jobs during the pandemic. Slowly we have begun to rebuild, restore, and get back on track. Since President Biden has taken office, 1.5 million jobs have been created—the most jobs created in the first 100 days of any Presidency. Yet, as the April jobs report showed us, we must continue to take additional steps to get Americans back to work.

There are more than 8 million jobs left to go. The American Jobs Plan is vital to rebuilding our community and our economy while protecting our planet. It is a once-in-a-century investment to create millions of good-paying jobs and to lay the foundation for extensive economic growth for the following decades.

In my home State of Pennsylvania, our infrastructure earned a C-minus on its infrastructure report card. There is so much we can do. We need to safely upgrade Pennsylvania's roads and bridges, mass transit, ports, rail, broadband, and water supply.

We have a chance here to make a generational investment and get our Nation back on track with the American Jobs Plan.

#### FAREWELL TO REPRESENTATIVE STEVE STIVERS

(Mr. BALDERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bid farewell to my dear friend, Representative STEVE STIVERS, as he embarks on a new adventure leading the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

A career soldier, STEVE has served more than 30 years in the Ohio Army National Guard and holds the rank of major general. He served the United States overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom where he led 400 soldiers and contractors. For his leadership, he was awarded the Bronze Star. In a battle closer to home, STEVE served on the front lines in America's fight against the opioid epidemic. Steve was a champion for the cause of civility not just in politics, but in our daily lives and founded the Congressional Civility and Respect Caucus.

Just as STEVE has left his mark here in the Halls of Congress and in the lives of so many Americans, I know he will continue to do big things as president and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and as a champion for job growth across our State.

#### PREGNANT WORKER ACCOMMODATION

(Ms. MANNING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

As a working mother, this bill is very personal to me. When I was pregnant with my third child, I experienced premature labor, and my doctor ordered me to be on bed rest for 10 weeks. I was fortunate to work for an employer who allowed me to keep my job, work a reduced schedule from home, and continue earning my wages.

After my daughter was born, I was still able to take my full maternity leave to care for her, and once I returned to the office, I continued to work for that same firm for many years in part because of the accommodations that were made for me during my pregnancy.

This experience should not be unique to me. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act will ensure that every person who needs reasonable accommodation during pregnancy will be given those accommodations so they can work to continue to support their family and contribute to their workplace.

I am proud to cast my vote in favor of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, and I urge my colleagues to join me.

Mr. Speaker, I will include in the RECORD a letter from the National Education Association.

#### REMEMBERING PAUL CHARLES GRASSEY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Paul Charles Grassey of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away on April 11 at the age of 97.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Paul joined the U.S. Air Force and was assigned as a pilot in the Eighth Air Force. He flew more than a dozen combat missions as a B-24 pilot.

Paul's most treasured purpose was discovered when he became involved with the building, growth, and development of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Pooler, Georgia. He had a passion for sharing his stories about the courage and the sacrifice of the people he served with.

He loved to sing, and he led us often in patriotic songs.

In January of 2020, Paul was awarded the French Legion of Honor for his service and role in helping to free France from Nazi occupation during World War II.

I am thankful for the immense impact that Paul Grassey had on our community, and I know his legacy will remain. We will all miss him very much. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

#### UPDATED CDC GUIDELINES

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on an issue critical to this Chamber setting an example for the rest of the country.

Yesterday, the CDC issued guidance that fully vaccinated individuals can resume indoor activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing.

I am pleased to see the Centers for Disease Control following the science and recommending that fully vaccinated individuals can go without masks indoors.

As Members of Congress, we should not only encourage constituents to get vaccinated, we should be showing them what a return to normal looks like and follow the science.

According to the Speaker, roughly 75 percent of our Members have received COVID-19 vaccinations, and, therefore, should have the choice to go without masks. Americans are looking for hope, and we are not showing it. Just as I explored on April 22, I am, again, calling on the Speaker and Attending Physician to lift the rules and fines that require fully vaccinated Members of Congress to wear masks in the House Chamber.

Even The New York Times today said that the Centers for Disease Control is